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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

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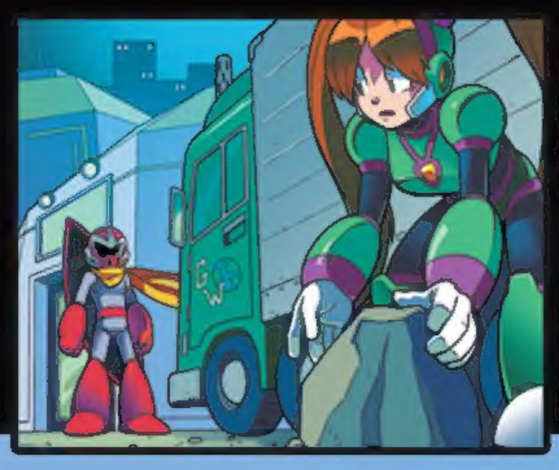
PREVIOUSLY...

What Lingers in the Shadows

The Curse of Ra Moon is over, but the nightmare continues! Mega Man leads an expedition back to the cursed Lanfront Ruins to see if Dr. Wily is truly innocent of all his wrong-doings, and to confirm that the evil alien machine Ra Moon is gone.

Meanwhile, Mega Man's estranged brother, Break Man – full of questions and doubts – has traveled across the globe to GeoWorks International to confront Quake Woman. What does he want?

One thing is for sure, dangers and mystery continue to lurk in **the shadows of the Temple of the Moon...**



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SHADOW OF RA MOON PART TWO: FEAR Itself

THIS IS IT...THIS IS RA MOON'S CHAMBER...THIS IS WHERE...IS WHERE...

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"...I ALMOST DIED..."

COME OUT, RA MOON! I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU! I'LL BEAT YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN AND--!

MEGA MAN! GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PROCEED *CAUTIOUSLY!*

HE'S HERE! I KNOW IT! WE'VE GOT TO TAKE HIM DOWN BEFORE--!

PHARAOH MAN
TOMB-RAIDING ROBOT MASTER

I'M NOT PICKING UP *ANYTHING* IN HERE. NO TRAPS, NO ELECTRONICS--ASIDE FROM US.

BUT...I THOUGHT I SAW...

ROCK?! WHAT'S GOING ON?! ARE YOU *OKAY*?!

ROLL
MEGA MAN'S SISTER

ROLL-- *WAIT!*

DR. THOMAS LIGHT
CREATOR OF MEGA MAN AND ROLL

PHARAOH MAN GAVE THE ALL-CLEAR! MEGA MAN IS TESTING TO SEE IF US ROBOT MASTERS CAN BE STARTLED INTO HAVING HEART ATTACKS --DESPITE US NOT HAVING HEARTS.

WELL... TECHNICALLY SPEAKING...

I'M SORRY...

PLANT MAN
BOTANICAL ROBOT MASTER

C'MON, RUSH.

ROCK ?

I...I'M SORRY, DR. LIGHT. I WAS JUST...

AFRAID. FEAR IS A NATURAL OCCURRENCE IN HUMANS. IT HELPS US REACT TO DANGER. THAT'S WHY I PROGRAMMED IT INTO YOU --TO HELP KEEP YOU SAFE. YOU NOW MUST LEARN TO DISCERN BETWEEN FEAR OF POTENTIAL THREATS...

...AND FEAR OF WHAT'S REALLY THERE.

"BUT...HOW? DOCTOR ASTIL NEARLY DIED HERE, TOO, AND HE'S DOING FINE."

"PEDRO IS **TERRIFIED**, SON. BUT HE'S DRIVEN BY HIS LOST FRIENDS TO SEE THIS THROUGH."*

DR. PEDRO ASTIL
ROBOTICS RESEARCHER

*SEE THE TRAGIC STORY IN MM#30.

"MIKHAIL IS AFRAID, TOO, BUT HE'S MORE AFRAID FOR HIS DAUGHTER.

"KALINKA'S NIGHTMARES AND UNHAPPINESS ARE FAR MORE UNPLEASANT FOR HIM THAN THIS PLACE."

FEAR ISN'T A FUN EMOTION, BUT IT CAN BRING OUT OUR GREATEST MOMENTS OF BRAVERY.

...DO YOU STILL THINK I'M BRAVE?

HA! IF ONLY I COULD PROGRAM BRAVERY SUCH AS YOURS INTO MYSELF. NOW THEN-- LET'S GET TO INVESTIGATING THIS PLACE AND PUT ALBERT'S CLAIMS TO THE TEST.

WHAT'S THIS THING? RUSH! C'MERE, BOY AND GIMME A LIGHT!

RA MOON! RA MOON IS HERE!

GRRRR!

MEANWHILE--GEOWORKS INTERNATIONAL HQ, HOME OF DR. LALINDE...

BREAK MAN
PROTOTYPE
ROBOT MASTER

QUAKE WOMAN
GEOLOGICAL STUDIES
ROBOT MASTER

RECEIVING

...YOU ARE BLUES?

NO. THAT ROBOT IS NO MORE. I AM *BREAK MAN.*

HMM. YOU ARE MODEL NUMBER DLN--000?

...YES.

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO ASK ME SOMETHING ?

YES.

WHY?

THAT IS A VERY BROAD QUESTION.

I KNOW WHAT DOCTOR LALINDE DID TO YOU.

I KNOW THAT *YOU* KNOW WHAT SHE DID.

WHY ARE YOU *STILL* HERE?

SHE REBUILT YOU WITHOUT RESTORING THE PART THAT WAS *YOU.*

SHE RESTORED THAT PART LATER.

HOW CAN YOU BE SURE? WHY DO YOU TRUST HER TO DO THAT? WHY AREN'T YOU OUT THERE, CREATING AN IDENTITY FOR YOURSELF?

LIKE YOU? WHAT IDENTITY IS "BREAK MAN"?

IT'S... THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME.

I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU STAY WITH THAT WOMAN.

I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU THINK SHE'S RESTORED YOUR OLD SELF AT ALL.

I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU BOTHER CALLING HER "FAMILY."

COME INSIDE. I WILL SHOW YOU.

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU SHOWING ME? THAT SHE STILL HAS YOUR PICTURE ON THE WALL?

THAT IS PART OF IT. WHEN SHE RESTORED MY PERSONALITY PROGRAMMING, SHE GAVE ME A SET OF VIDEO DISCS.

JUNE 18TH, SAMPLE NUMBER... UM... SOMETHING-OR-OTHER!

TEMPO! YOU'RE NOT HELPING IF YOU MESS AROUND.

OH, NO! I'M GOING TO HURT THE ROCKS' FEELINGS! TEE HEE!

HEAVEN HELP ME.

SAMPLE NUMBER SM-XF-02. LET'S TEST OUT YOUR NEW FUNCTIONS, SHALL WE?

GIVE ME A HAND BREAKING APART THE SAMPLE, PLEASE.

OKIE-DOKIE!

SHOW ME YOUR SECRETS, MR. BASALT! BWA-HA-HA!

ZWEEEEEE!

TEMPO! YOU'RE GOING TO GET DUST EVERYWHERE!

EWWWW! ROCK GUTS!

CLICK

...THAT WAS WHO YOU WERE.

YES. DR. LALINDE GAVE ME THESE FILES TO SHOW ME WHO I USED TO BE.

AND SHE ROBBED YOU OF THAT! YOU'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT NOW!

I WAS VIRTUALLY DESTROYED IN... IN THE CAVE-IN. WHO IS TO SAY I WOULD HAVE REMAINED THE SAME?

WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU THE SAME AS WHEN YOU WERE BUILT?

I'M...

...THAT'S NOT...

...THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME!

I AM BEGINNING TO DOUBT THAT.

THIS IS ABOUT *YOU* AND WHY YOU STAY WITH A WOMAN WHO'S SHOWN NO REMORSE IN WHAT SHE DID TO YOU!

SHE OPENED YOU UP AND TOOK OUT EVERYTHING THAT MADE YOU *YOU!*

WHY DO YOU KEEP MAKING EXCUSES FOR DR. LALINDE?!

DR. NOELE LALINDE
QUAKE WOMAN'S CREATOR

MEANWHILE...

OH, ROCK! HOW DID YOU MANAGE IT? THAT THING IS TERRIFY-ING!

TH-THERE-THERE, ROLL. *AHEM* I DON'T THINK WE'RE IN ANY DANGER.

A-ABSOLUTELY BREATHTAKING ...A TRULY *ALIEN* MACHINE...

MIKHAIL?

TRACE AMOUNTS OF LOW-LEVEL RADIATION, AN INCREDIBLE ELEC-TRONIC SHADOW, BUT NO ACTIVE SIGNALS OF ANY KIND. AND... THE SPECTROMETER DOESN'T RECOGNIZE HALF OF ITS ELEMENTS. IT *ISN'T* OF THIS WORLD...

SO THAT CONFIRMS IT? THIS THING IS...

IT'S DEAD.

RA MOON IS DEAD.

SO...THIS THING TRAVELED ACROSS SPACE TO CAUSE THE GLOBAL BLACKOUT?

P-TEW!

ROT IN WHAT-EVER ABYSS YOU'RE IN NOW, RA MOON!

YES, SIR. HE MEANT TO WIPE OUT ALL THE HUMANS AND ROBOTS. HE NEVER SAID WHY, THOUGH.

DOCTOR LIGHT...I'M WORRIED ABOUT HOW I'M REACTING AGAIN.

WHAT ARE YOU FEELING NOW?

...HAPPINESS? I MEAN, I'M RE-LIEVED IT'S REALLY OVER. I'M GLAD NOBODY HAS TO WORRY ABOUT RA MOON AGAIN. BUT...I DON'T LIKE BEING HAPPY THAT SOMETHING IS DEAD.

I MEAN ...HE WAS EVIL!

BUT...IT STILL DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT TO BE HAPPY HE'S GONE.

THAT I...KILLED HIM.

AND YOU NEVER SHOULD BE. I HAVE NO EASY ANSWER FOR YOU, SON. BUT THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE THAT CONCERN SHOWS A GREATER HUMANITY THAN SOME. MAY YOU NEVER LOSE THAT, ROCK.

MEANWHILE...

I AM NOT MAKING EXCUSES FOR HER.

SHE REBUILT ME, THEN RESTORED ME...AS BEST SHE COULD. SHE WILL NOT DO IT AGAIN. THIS IS ALL THERE IS TO IT.

NO, IT ISN'T! HOW DO YOU *KNOW* SHE WON'T?!

BECAUSE I TRUST HER.

WHY?!

BECAUSE SHE HAS SHOWN GREAT REGRET. BECAUSE SHE HAS MADE AN EFFORT TO UNDO THE DAMAGE SHE HAS DONE TO ME. BECAUSE I HAVE CHOSEN TO FORGIVE HER. AND WITH FORGIVENESS COMES TRUST.

YOU WOULD WANT FORGIVE-NESS FOR SHOOTING ROLL, WOULDN'T YOU?

...

SHE IS MY FRIEND. I WAS...*UPSET*... WHEN I LEARNED WHAT YOU DID TO HER BEFORE THE BLACKOUT. THAT YOU ATTACKED ROCK. SO SHOULD I FORGIVE YOU? HAVE YOU SHOWN REGRET? HAVE YOU TRIED TO MAKE AMENDS?

FORGIVENESS?

I DON'T NEED ANYONE'S FOR-GIVENESS! AND NO ONE WILL RECEIVE MINE!

THEN YOU PREFER TO BE ALONE?

I'M FINE ON MY OWN.

ARE YOU? WHO DOES YOUR REPAIRS? HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT DOCTOR LALINDE AND ME?

I SAW FOOTAGE OF THE A.R.T.S. SHOW AND WAS CURIOUS ...*

ALL RIGHT ...SO I HAD *SOME* HELP WITH...

*MEGA MAN VOL. 4 "SPIRITUS EX MACHINA."

ENOUGH! DON'T TURN THIS AROUND ON ME! I KNOW IT WAS DR. LALINDE THAT LIGHT WAS TALKING TO ABOUT REPROGRAMMING ME!**

I CAME HERE FOR ANSWERS, AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME *NOTHING!*

I'VE ANSWERED EVERYTHING YOU ASKED. YOU DID NOT LIKE MY ANSWERS.

**MEGA MAN VOL. 5 GRAPHIC NOVEL.

SHE TOYED WITH *WHO YOU ARE!* YOU CAN'T JUST FORGIVE SOMEONE FOR THAT!

I CAN AND I HAVE, BECAUSE I WANT TO MOVE FORWARD.

I CAN'T CHANGE WHAT HAS HAPPENED. DOCTOR LIGHT DID NOTHING TO YOU. IS THE PROBLEM THAT YOU CANNOT FORGIVE HIM FOR NOTHING?

HE REPLACED ME!

BLUES!

DID YOU STOP TO CONSIDER THAT HE BUILT A BROTHER AND SISTER *FOR* YOU? SO THAT WHEN YOU CAME HOME, AS HE *ALWAYS* HOPED YOU WOULD...

...YOU'D NEVER BE LONELY AGAIN?

BWOO-WP!

TEMPO! DID HE HURT YOU? ARE YOU *OKAY?*

I AM UNHARMED. YOU WERE... LISTENING?

I--I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO...TEMPO, I WAS SCARED.

THAT BREAK MAN WOULD HURT YOU? OR HURT ME?

WELL... YES, THAT, BUT...

...I WAS AFRAID OF WHAT YOU WOULD SAY... ABOUT ME.

I'M SORRY, TEMPO. I DID WHAT I DID BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT EITHER OF US TO HAVE TO SUFFER ...AND IT HAPPENED ANYWAY. I MADE A MESS OF EVERYTHING.

WE WILL HELP FIX EACH OTHER.

HOURS LATER...

DOCTOR LIGHT! IS THAT... BLOOD?

YES. ONLY A FEW WEEKS OLD. WHILE I HAVE NO WAY TO CHECK IT NOW, I'M SURE IT'S DR. WILY'S. IT CERTAINLY MATCHES HIS STORY OF HOW RA MOON ASSAULTED HIM.

THERE'S A SECONDARY LAB DOWN THERE. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WAS LIVING THERE FOR A WHILE...AND NOT COMFORTABLY. THAT SYNCS UP WITH HIS CLAIMS ABOUT BEING TRAPPED DOWN HERE, NO?

THERE'RE ALSO LEFTOVERS FROM RA THOR'S CONSTRUCTION, SO IT LOOKS LIKE DR. WILY REALLY *WAS* PLANNING ON FIGHTING RA MOON.

AND YET THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY DATA LEFT IN ANY OF THE MACHINES. DOES NOBODY ELSE FIND THAT CONVENIENT?

COME NOW, MIKHAIL. ALL THE EVIDENCE WE'VE FOUND POINTS TO RA MOON AS THE SOLE CAUSE OF THE BLACKOUT. THE FACT WE CAN CONFIRM THAT IT'S OF ALIEN ORIGIN...

...AND THAT ALBERT WAS KEPT HERE AGAINST HIS WILL...

OR HE GOT IN OVER HIS HEAD, SCRAPED HIS KNEE, AS HE WENT SCURRYING TO COVER, AND WALLOWED IN HIS OWN SELF-PITY UNTIL MEGA MAN SAVED US ALL.

AND I SUPPOSE ALBERT STABBED HIMSELF WITH A GIANT CABLE *JUST IN CASE...*

...WE CAME TO VERIFY HIS CLAIMS THAT HE WASN'T GOING TO DESTROY THE WORLD?

FOR THE LOVE OF ...WE'RE SCIENTISTS! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE!

I AM, AND I'D SAY IT'S OVERWHELMING!

OVERWHELMINGLY *INCOMPLETE*, YOU HOPELESSLY OPTIMISTIC APOLOGIST!

ONLY TO A BITTER, PESSIMISTIC CYNIC!

ER...

SIGH I WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND YOU, THOMAS. I ONLY HOPE YOU DEFEND YOUR FRIENDS AS FIERCELY AS YOU DO YOUR ENEMIES.

LET'S HOPE IT NEVER COMES TO THAT.

AND ALBERT IS *NOT* MY ENEMY...

...HE'S JUST A VERY TROUBLED MAN. I WANT TO HELP HIM THROUGH THIS, IF I CAN.

I THINK THE GLOOM AND THE DUST ARE GETTING TO US. LET'S PACK UP AND GO HOME.

YES, AND SOON. I WANT TO TELL MY LITTLE GIRL IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT.

SO...DID YOU FIND CLOSURE, DR. ASTIL?

...I'M NOT SURE.

I'VE BEEN ANGRY AND FRIGHTENED OF THIS PLACE FOR SO LONG, TO SEE IT SO EMPTY AND DEAD LEAVES ME FEELING...HOLLOW.

BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE *ANY* ANSWERS WITHOUT YOU.

THANK YOU, MEGA MAN. ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COL-LEAGUES WHO COULDN'T BE HERE.

I'M JUST HAPPY TO HELP, SIR.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? FEELING ANY BETTER?

MAYBE?

I'M PROCESSING A LOT OF CONFLICTING EMOTIONAL DATA RIGHT NOW.

WELL, ONE OF THEM OUGHT TO BE *PRIDE.*

YOU SAVED ME, YOU SAVED THE WORLD, AND YOU CAME DOWN HERE DESPITE YOUR FEARS. YOU'RE A HERO THROUGH AND THROUGH.

HAHA! THANKS, ROLL.

WITH YOU AND RUSH AND DR. LIGHT BEHIND ME, BEING A HERO IS EASY!

NEXT TIME:

DR. WILY

--HERO OR VILLAIN?

AND WHAT IS GAMMA?!

WE'RE JUST ONE STEP AWAY FROM THE TIME-SPANNING X-OVER THAT WILL *ROCK YOUR WORLD!*

COME BACK FOR *MORE ADVENTURE,* AND DON'T MISS OUT ON THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

THE CITY OF ARCADIA--IN THE YEAR 21XX...

...REFERRED TO BY MANY AS THE CENTER OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD.

THE X FACTOR

PART 2

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MUCH OF ITS SUCCESS IS THANKS TO THE INVENTION OF **REPLOIDS.**

UNLIKE THE ROBOT MASTERS OF THE LAST CENTURY, THE REPLOIDS ARE FULLY ABLE TO THINK, FEEL, AND LIVE AS INDIVIDUALS.

TAXI

FOR THEIR PART, THE REPLOIDS HAVE BECOME A CRUCIAL PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE, LIVING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH HUMANITY.

BUT THE REPLOIDS ARE STILL A VERY NEW TECHNOLOGY. AND AS WITH ANYTHING NEW...

OH, NO... WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

...COME UNFORESEEN DANGERS.

ALMOST AN HOUR AGO. THESE MAVERICK INCIDENTS ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND.

AND THIS TIME, IT WAS FATAL.

THAT'S...THAT'S HORRIBLE. WHAT HAPPENED TO... WAIT, "MAVERICK"?

HM? OH, IT'S A BUZZWORD THAT'S BEING ATTACHED TO ANY IRREGULAR REPLOID BEHAVIOR.

HUH. ALL RIGHT--BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REPLOIDS THAT WERE INVOLVED?

LET ME SEE IF I CAN GET YOU A...THERE WE GO.

THE POLICE MANAGED TO PUT THEM DOWN. THEY NEARLY CALLED IN THE MILITARY. FROM WHAT I'M TOLD, THE MAVERICKS WERE ACTING INSANE.

SO NOBODY CAME OUT OF THIS ALIVE... HUMAN *OR* REPLOID...

I'M SORRY, X, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO. I'VE BEEN SUMMONED TO A HEARING ABOUT THE RECENT...

...INCIDENTS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP IN...

"...I COULD USE THE SUPPORT."

...AND SOMEBODY HAS TO ANSWER FOR THIS, DR. CAIN.

ARCADIA COUNCIL CHAMBERS...

YOU INTRODUCED REPLOIDS TO THE WORLD. CAN *YOU* EXPLAIN WHAT'S GIVING RISE TO THESE MAVERICKS?

THERE'VE BEEN ONLY THREE INSTANCES SO FAR, MADAM COUNCILOR--

THREE TOO MANY!

ABSOLUTELY, FAR TOO MANY! BUT NOT ENOUGH TO DISCERN A PATTERN OR CAUSE.

SHOULD WE SUSPEND CONSTRUC-TION ON NEW REPLOIDS? AT LEAST UNTIL WE'VE DISCERNED ...THE PROBLEM?

IT COULD BE ANY NUMBER OF CAUSES: FAULTY WIRING IN THE BRAIN, BUGS OR GLITCHES WITHIN THE PERSONALITY CODING.

WHY DO SOME CHOOSE CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR? WHY DO SOME BECOME VIOLENT AND ACT INSANELY? REPLOIDS ARE ALL SO NEW, I DON'T THINK ANY-ONE HAS THE ANSWERS YET.

THE MAVERICK INCIDENTS ARE A CONCERN, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO DERAIL ALL PRODUCTION. WHAT WE NEED IS A MEANS OF REGULATING THE PROBLEM.

AH! IF I MAY--I HAVE A FEW THOUGHTS ALONG THOSE LINES...

MONTHS LATER...

From the Journal of Doctor Cain...

It's been two months since Sigma took control of the Maverick Hunters, and he and his Hunters have been able to prevent any further injury to the population.

Sigma is one of the most intelligent reploids I've created, and contains my latest circuit designs.

His systems should be immune to any problems.

With Sigma in command, everyone is starting to breathe a little easier.

Organized units have been placed around the world, handling every form of Maverick activity.

AH, X. YOU'VE BEEN COMING BY TO INSPECT OUR WORK A LOT RECENTLY. THINKING OF FINALLY JOINING MY HUNTERS?

I DON'T THINK I WANT TO BE IN A POSITION TO RETIRE A REPLOID, MAVERICK OR NOT.

THEN WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?

I'M...LOOKING FOR ANSWERS, I GUESS. THE MAVERICKS ARE A PROBLEM, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THE HUNTERS ARE THE BEST SOLUTION.

YOU THINK WE'RE ONLY FIGHTING THE SYMPTOMS AND NOT THE DISEASE?

...SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

X, IT SEEMS YOU FEEL MORE DEEPLY THAN ANY OF US. IT'S ONE OF THE MANY THINGS I FIND RE-MARKABLE ABOUT YOU.

IF THERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO FIND LASTING PEACE BETWEEN US AND THE HUMANS, I'M SURE *YOU'LL* FIND IT.

UNTIL THEN; *I'LL* KEEP US SAFE.

TO BE CONTINUED IN **MEGA MAN #37--**

DAWN OF X--part one!

DON'T MISS THE TIME-SPANNING X-OVER OF A LIFETIME!

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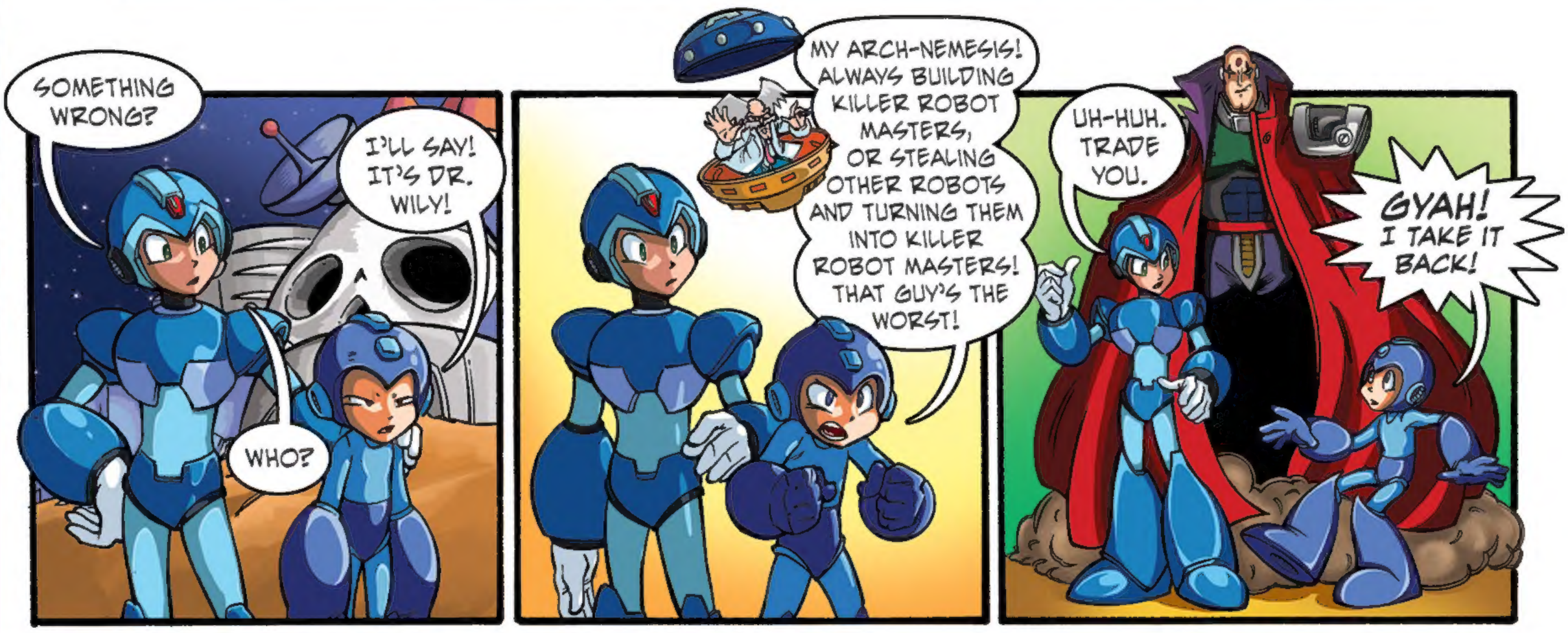
SOMETHING WRONG?
I'LL SAY! IT'S DR. WILY!
WHO?
MY ARCH-NEMESIS! ALWAYS BUILDING KILLER ROBOT MASTERS, OR STEALING OTHER ROBOTS AND TURNING THEM INTO KILLER ROBOT MASTERS! THAT GUY'S THE WORST!
UH-HUH. TRADE YOU.
GYAH! I TAKE IT BACK!

MEGA-MAIL

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Dear Mega-Mail,
WOW WOW WOW!!!!!! "Black Out the Curse of Ra Moon" is the best comic story so far!

WOW indeed! That's a lot of exclamation marks! It was a really intense story, but the fun isn't over just yet! The mysteries of the evil alien computer are still to be revealed!

I'm so excited to find out if Mega Man will find his brother!

Break Man, A.K.A. Blues, is still trying to figure out where he belongs in this world. Will he fight for good with his brother, or has the pain of the past shifted his destiny to do the bidding of Dr. Wily? If Mega Man meets with him again there is no telling which side he will choose.

I love the ninja character!

That's the ninja Robot Master called Shadow Man! He has joined his brothers to serve the evil Dr. Wily!

I want to see Dr. Wily escape from prison.

He has done it once before (see Mega Man vol. 2 graphic novel! plugplugplugplugplug) so perhaps he'll do it again!

Ra Thor was the strongest robot ever created by Dr. Wily. I always didn't expect that much from Dr. Wily.

Ra Thor was pretty impressive! Remember, Dr. Wily and Dr. Light worked closely together, their skills in robotics are almost matched! But still, Ra Thor was no match for the evil might of Ra Moon!

There's one thing I don't understand, why did Dr. Wily help Mega Man and Dr. Light?

A HUGE fan,
Matt sent to
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P. S. I think the cover on issue 33 is AWESOME

Thanks for the letter, Matt! Dr. Wily was at the brink of defeat in the Lanfront Ruins. If Mega Man hadn't shown up, the mad scientist would have been toast for sure! He owed Mega Man a debt, plus, if Ra Moon wasn't stopped, Dr. Wily wouldn't have a world to conquer!

Dear Mega-Mail,
This is probably the shortest letter ever.

Well, then I guess you'll just have to write the COOLEST words ever to make up for it!!

I love Mega Man and I love you guys.

SEE! That's what I mean! Simple, yet so powerful!

Keep up the AWESOME!

Maddy M.
from Ontario

Thanks, Maddy! We'll keep making MEGA AWESOME comics as long as there are MEGA AWESOME fans like you!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I look forward to the first appearance of X. Keep up the awesome work!

Adam J.
from Kentucky

Hey there, Adam! The Mega Man™ X awesomeness doesn't stop here! Enter the Dawn of X, coming to Mega Man 37!

That's all for now! We'll see y'all next time as we reveal Dr. Wily's fate in "A Chance at Redemption!"

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